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[*on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/2018/15/Add.1)*]

2018/25. Transition of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture to an intergovernmental organization outside the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the adoption by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-fourth session, held in Bangkok from 11 to 16 May 2018, of resolution 74/5 of 16 May 2018, in which the Commission, inter alia, noted with appreciation the announcement by the Government of Indonesia that it would lead and support the transition of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture to a new intergovernmental organization outside the United Nations system, as well as the offer of other members of the Governing Council of the Centre to join Indonesia to support the transition process,

Approves the transformation of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture from a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to a new organization outside the United Nations system, as set out in Commission resolution 74/5, which is annexed to the present resolution.

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Resolution 74/5

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The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 and 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982 on the establishment of the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolutions 60/5 of 28 April 2004, 61/5 of 18 May 2005 and 65/4 of 29 April 2009 on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling further the agreement between the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations regarding the hosting of the Centre, signed on 29 April 1981,

Recalling the support of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-sixth session, based on the recommendation of the Governing Council of the Centre, for the change of name from the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific to the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture,

Recalling also its resolution 72/1 of 19 May 2016 on the revision of the statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture,

Acknowledging that the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture has continued to contribute to the economic and social development of Asia-Pacific countries by acting as a regional knowledge and training hub for increasing agricultural production, enhancing food security and improving rural livelihood, as well as by providing a forum for policy dialogue, South-South technical cooperation and mutual learning in these areas,

Acknowledging with appreciation the financial resources and facilities that have been provided by the Government of Indonesia to the Centre, as well as the support of other members and associate members,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the Centre on its fourteenth session,[1] in which the Council comprehensively reviewed the Centre's administrative and financial status and considered options for the Centre's future and the continuation of its operations, including by enhancing ownership of the Centre by its members,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Governing Council of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture on its fourteenth session;[1]

2. *Notes with appreciation* the announcement by the Government of Indonesia that it would lead and support the transition of the Centre to a new intergovernmental organization outside the United Nations system, as well as the offer of other Governing Council members to join Indonesia to support the transition process;

3. *Encourages* all members and associate members to support the new organization in shaping its objectives, programmes and activities;

[1] ESCAP/74/13.

4. *Encourages* all members, associate members and other relevant stakeholders to support the new organization, including by, but not limited to, providing voluntary financial and in-kind contributions;

5. *Notes* the recommendation of the Governing Council of the Centre that the new organization may report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on its activities;

6. *Also notes* the intention of the Government of Indonesia to establish a transition task force;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To take all the necessary administrative and legal steps, as appropriate, by 30 June 2018, to assist the Centre in transforming from a subsidiary body of the Commission to a new organization;

(b) To cooperate with the new organization, and to sustain the partnership, as appropriate;

(c) To take measures to transfer unspent voluntary funding to the new organization, subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[2]

(d) To reflect the changes emanating from the above decisions in her report to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session, in 2019, on the midpoint review of the conference structure;

(e) To report to the Commission at its seventy-sixth session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

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[2] ST/SGB/2013/4.